

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 9/25/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer (805) 781-1016	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a multiagency reimbursement agreement to authorize County Service Area 7A (Oak Shores) and the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District to reimburse the City of Paso Robles, in amounts up to \$451 and \$23,474, respectively, for proportionate shares of the cost to develop a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Districts 1 and 5.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acting on behalf of County Service Area 7A (Oak Shores) approve and execute an agreement with the City of Paso Robles (City) for reimbursing the City for up to \$451 of the cost of developing a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin; and 2. Acting as the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), approve and execute an agreement with the City of Paso Robles (City) for reimbursing the City for up to \$23,474 of the cost of developing a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) CSA 7A; Flood Control Fund 19	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT CSA 7A = \$451 FC 19 = \$23,474	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date 2/28/12, #26	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 - District 5 -			

Reference: 12SEP25-C-3

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

VIA: Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager

DATE: 9/25/2012

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RECOMMENDATION

It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board:

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DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board, under its authority to adopt State policy for water quality control pursuant to California Water Code section 13140, has adopted a Recycled Water Policy (Policy) requiring local agencies to prepare Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMP's) for groundwater basins. The following agencies provide water and/or wastewater service within the watershed of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and staff of each agency has been collaborating on the approach to developing the mandated SNMP:

- San Luis Obispo County Service Area 7A – Oak Shores
- San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- City of Atascadero
- Templeton Community Services District
- City of Paso Robles
- San Miguel Community Services District
- Camp Roberts (California National Guard); and
- Heritage Ranch Community Services District

Elements of an SNMP include:

- Establishing Basin characteristics
- Identifying existing and future foreseeable salt and nutrient sources
- Evaluating the effect of the projected salt and nutrient loading
- Identifying goals, objectives and implementation measures for Basin water quality management
- Establishing a monitoring program

While several of the SNMP elements are similar to elements of the Paso Robles Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) which was recently approved by your Board, the SNMP also includes specific salt and nutrient-focused Basin management objectives. SNMPs must also be approved by the Regional Water Board prior to approval and implementation of recycled water projects, a key strategy being considered for the Basin.

Lead Agency – City of Paso Robles

The City of Paso Robles (City) has taken the lead on developing a SNMP for the Basin by organizing meetings of staff from the above listed agencies, developing a scope of work and procuring a consultant. RMC Water and Environment (the Consultant) was selected via the City's procurement process to complete the work. Part of this process has been to develop the Reimbursement Agreement (Exhibit "A") recommended for your Board's approval, which outlines the terms of jointly funding and participating in the development of the SNMP and reimbursing the City of Paso Robles for the Consultant's work.

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District)

The District, consistent with its role in groundwater management efforts, is not mandated but staff recommends participation within existing funding. The District will benefit from participation in the SNMP's development should the District be a partner in implementing regional recycled water projects, or other water projects requiring Regional Water Board approval, in the Basin.

CSA 7A – Oak Shores Wastewater System

County Service Area (CSA) 7A (Oak Shores) operates a wastewater treatment facility on the north shore of Lake Nacimiento. The watershed that contains this facility drains into the Basin. Therefore, CSA 7A's participation in the development of the SNMP for the Basin is intended to comply with the SNMP mandate.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin – Blue Ribbon Committee

It is anticipated that the Blue Ribbon Committee established when your Board adopted the Basin Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) on March 27, 2012, will be a key stakeholder group to engage in the SNMP development process. This role is noted in the consultant's scope of work attached to the Reimbursement Agreement. The GMP itself will also be a key reference document for the SNMP.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The City of Paso Robles is the lead agency on the development of the SNMP and procurement of a Consultant. Other participating agencies include San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the City of Atascadero, the Templeton Community Services District, the San Miguel Community Services District, Camp Roberts (California National Guard) and the Heritage Ranch Community Services District.

The Agreement includes meeting with the Blue Ribbon Committee at key points in the project. The Regional Water Board will also be invited to participate in the project. The Water Resources Advisory Committee has been provided updates on Basin issues and activities.

County Counsel has reviewed the Agreement as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

To help address funding the Policy's requirement for developing a SNMP, the recently submitted Proposition 84 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant (Planning Grant) included a \$100,000 request for the development of the SNMP. The State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has recommended awarding those funds to the District. Staff will return to your Board with the appropriate budget adjustment and a Grant Funding Agreement with the City of Paso Robles after DWR finalizes the Planning Grant award.

The cost sharing in the attached Reimbursement Agreement, as illustrated below, is based on the average salts discharge from each agency's wastewater facility in 2010. Since the District does not have a wastewater facility with a salts discharge, a rural-population based estimate of salt discharge from septic systems was used to develop the District's share of costs. The District and CSA 7A's costs are already included within the budgets approved by your Board.

CSA 7A's share of the Consultant's cost of \$173,491, without grant funding, is \$451, and can be funded within the existing CSA 7A budget. The District's share of \$23,474 without grant funding and \$9,944 with can also be funded within the existing FY 2012/13 budget. With Planning Grant funding of \$100,000, CSA 7A's share is \$191.

Party	Proportionate Share without Planning Grant	Dollar Share without Planning Grant	Dollar Share with Planning Grant
County Service Area 7A (Oak Shores)	0.26%	\$451	\$191
SLO County FC&WC District	13.53%	\$23,474	\$9,944
City of Atascadero	28.88%	\$50,106	\$21,225
Templeton CSD	4.88%	\$8,465	\$3,586
City of Paso Robles	48.06%	\$83,373	\$35,317
San Miguel CSD	2.21%	\$3,827	\$1,621
Heritage Ranch CSD	1.50%	\$2,595	\$1,099
Camp Roberts	0.69%	\$1,199	\$508
Planning Grant			\$100,000
Total	100%	\$173,491	\$173,491

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will help fund an SNMP for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and evaluate alternative salt and nutrient management strategies for the Basin. CSA 7A's participation in the development of the SNMP would meet the Policy's requirement and facilitate future efforts with the Regional Water Board related to CSA 7A's discharge permits. Evaluating water quality management strategies for the Basin will contribute to the County's goals of promoting a healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Reimbursement Agreement, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan